FROM THE FOUR CORNERS

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The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. last month issued a statement demanding that the U.S. UN delegate place the Palestine question on the Security Council agenda and that the UN take over responsibility for the country and order out all British troops and police and replace them with a UN security force.

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The National Jewish Welfare Board-sponsored Jewish Musical Council has offered $2,000 in awards for the three best Jewish musical compositions. Inquiries about the contest, which is designed to encourage composers to write musical works reflecting the spirit of Jewish people, have come from many parts of the world. Closing date of the contest was September 1, 1947.

EUROPE

A communist meeting in Stoke Newington, London, was broken up during the recent anti-Semitic outbreaks by members of the pro-fascist British League of Ex-Servicemen chanting reactionary slogans and flourishing upstretched arms in the fascist salute. This attack followed after the "Ex-Servicemen" had staged an anti-Jewish rally which ended in a brawl between leaguers and anti-fas ts. This League rally was addressed in violently anti-Semitic language to which some members of the audience responded with "Heil Hitler!" and "We Want Mosley!"

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A crowded mass meeting in London called to protest the deportation of the "Exodus" refugees, cheered when Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, declared that cooperation with Britain had ended, and that "the future of the Jewish people must depend on the Jewish people itself."

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Brigadier A. G. Kenchington, chief of the DP division of the British Control Commission in Germany, revealed in Germany in July that he had been forbidden by the British Cabinet to address the second conference of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone. He said that he had been ordered not to attend after he had already decided to do so, on the grounds that the British government refused to recognize the Committee, because it represents both DP Jews living in camps and in German communities. The government thinks that the Committee should speak only for the DP's.

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A Polish press report states that two Jews, one of them a woman, were murdered in Rabka, Cracow suburb, by men dressed in uniforms of the Anders underground army. Police are searching for the murderers.

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The UN Special Committee on Palestine was recently informed by Rumanian Jewish organizations that Jews in Rumania fear mounting anti-Semitism in that country, despite the government's attempts to eradicate it.

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It has been officially confirmed that the Parliament of Surinam, in Dutch Guiana, and the Netherlands government have both approved the proposal of the Freeland League to settle 30,000 homeless Jews in Surinam.

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The Hungarian government will initiate a program designed to eradicate anti-Semitism and racial prejudice in all Hungarian schools when the fall term opens, Minister of Education Dr. Gyula Ortutay said in Budapest recently.

Jewish youth from Palestine, including Zionists and Communists, were prominent among the thousands of youth attending the World Youth Congress at Prague. Most of them were affiliated with the Hashomer Hatzair. Left-wing Palestinian Arab youths also attended, and they joined with Jewish youth in a declaration condemning British terror against Jews in Palestine and against British treatment of the "Exodus" refugees. A meeting of the International Students Council at the Festival called on Arab and Jewish students in Palestine to unite and protested British suppression of academic freedom in Palestine.

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L. O. Arnshtam, well-known Soviet movie director, was awarded the Stalin Prize in Moscow recently for his motion picture, *Glinka*, depicting the composer's life.

PALESTINE

It has definitely been established, but not announced, that the ringleaders of the murderous attack of Palestine armored police cars against an unarmed group of citizenry in July in which five Jews were killed and many wounded, were former members of the British Union of Fascists now in the Palestine police.

Three Palestinian trade union federations have been recognized by the British War Office as representative of workers employed by the army. The union centers recognized are the General Federation of Labor (Histadruth), the Palestinian Arab Workers' Society and the Arab Workers' Congress. The decision is subject to the High Commissioner's approval. This recognition of unions is regarded as an important victory of Palestinian labor following the joint Arab-Jewish strike of May 20 in which 40,0000 army employees took part.

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The non-implementation by the Palestine administration of the labor conventions ratified by the International Labor Organization of which Britain is a member, was brought up by the representatives of the Histadruth attending the ILO conference recently held in Geneva. The four conventions concerned cover unemployment insurance (ratified by Britain in 1921), health insurance (1931) and old age and invalid insurance (1936).

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For the first time in the history of modern Palestine a Jewish-owned building was blown up by the Palestine police force as the government initiated a policy of punishing people in the area where extremist attacks occur. Another instance of this policy was the tearing up of the grove in which the bodies of the two British sergeants were hung by the Irgun.

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